

WEST COASTS ARE SWELLED

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The dismissed cadets were Ralph I. Sasse, Delaware, third class; Tammal D. Simkins, Georgia, fourth class; Elliott H. Friedman, South Carolina, third class; James Dearing Christian, Virginia, fourth class.

One newspaper publishes an article entitled "Taft Confirms Dismissal of Four Drunken Cadets," and states that they "were recently convicted of intoxication."

The four cadets were tried in the regular way, in which all cadets, charged with violations of the rules of the institutions are tried, and the records of the evidence are kept at the offices of the War Department in Washington. These records, which have been carefully examined, plainly show that none of these four cadets were intoxicated.

The evidence with regard to the first three named showed that they had bought a pint of blackberry wine each, and consumed it. All three of them returned to the barracks in a perfectly sober condition. The evidence in the case of young Christian, as it appears upon the record, shows that he had not consumed any intoxicating liquor at all, but had in his possession a bottle of whiskey which was unopened and the seal intact.

Young Christian was accompanied by a captain and two lieutenants, whose duty it was to question cadets who had been out of the barracks. He asked where he had been. The records state that he frankly told them that he had been to a party, and that he had been to their inquiries, he had in his possession a bottle of liquor unopened.

Officers, who were with him in the record, smelled his breath, and found no trace of his having consumed any intoxicating liquor, and that he was not in the least degree under the influence of liquor.

As a matter of fact, the unopened bottle of whiskey which young Christian had in his possession was not his at all. At the inquiry, however, he did not attempt to explain this, and he and took the entire responsibility for having violated the rule against having intoxicating liquor in his possession, according to the records filed in Washington.

Young Christian is the son of Judge Frank Christian, of this city.

FARMERS TO REPRESENT NELSON AND AMHERST

MYNDUS, VA.—Special.—Although in the very heart of a great agricultural section, it is a coincidence worthy of comment that for the first time in the life of a generation the counties of Amherst and Nelson, constituting the Nineteenth Senatorial District, will be represented at the coming session of the General Assembly by farmers in person.

For the first time in the history of the district, a farmer has been elected to go to the House from one county or the other, he usually found a lawyer in the Senate, and a lawyer or physician representing his neighboring county.

Hon. Bland Massie, a farmer, who, after a lapse of six years, goes back to the upper house, has chosen two doctors for his colleagues in the lower branch, but it will be different when he goes to Richmond as Senator next year. From Nelson, T. H. Hester, a farmer, will be in the House, while Amherst likewise sends a tiller of the soil in the person of Walter P. Massie.

Mr. Bland Massie is the only farmer to have been elected to the Senate since the war. He succeeded Judge J. Thompson Brown, of this county, in 1898, and served for eight years. He was followed by the incumbent, Senator Aubrey E. Strode, of Amherst, who is a lawyer.

Prior to the service of Judge Brown, which was only one year, the late Judge Taylor, Berry, of Amherst, represented the district in the Senate for a long period, having succeeded Hon. C. T. Smith, of Nelson, who though not a lawyer, followed in the footsteps of business rather than that of farming. The late Judge Thomas P. Fitzpatrick, of Nelson, was in the Senate for one term shortly after the war.

For the most part, Amherst and Nelson have sent lawyers and doctors to the Legislature in the last several decades. The record shows that the late Judge Massie, a farmer who has been sent to the Senate in all that time, while it reveals the names of but few tillers of the soil in the House from the two counties.

Both counties seem to have had a weakness for placing physicians in the Legislature. Within the time mentioned Nelson sent two doctors to the House; Dr. William L. Williams, two terms; Dr. A. B. Fitzpatrick, six terms; Dr. John C. Everett, one term. During this period she was represented by the following lawyers: Judge Thomas P. Fitzpatrick, G. S. Stevens, Judge J. Thompson Brown, J. T. Coleman, H. Tate Harris and George W. W. Goodwin (deceased). Amherst has had a pretty good record for sending lawyers and doctors to the House, rather than farmers. The late R. A. Coghill went for many years, and more recently the late Beverly Harrison and Judge C. J. Campbell, both lawyers, and the following doctors: Dr. R. B. Ware, Dr. H. Don Scott and Dr. H. S. Myers.

WAR IN EUROPE

LONDON, Special.—Whether the war between Italy and Turkey shall extend to Anatolia and European Turkey, with the danger of a general European war, hinges today upon Turkey's final appeal to the powers in an endeavor to ascertain the terms upon which they are willing to enter into a treaty of peace.

Advices from Constantinople bordering on the threat of Turkey's declining the offer for expulsion of all Italian subjects in abeyance pending the result of the latest plebiscite in the Aegean, have proved and ready to become effective, it is understood. In the event of Turkey's failure to accept the terms of the offer, an immediate peace proposal, Turkey will put the offer of expulsion into effect at once and upon all Italian goods.

Turkey would then stand ready to carry the war into both Asiatic and European countries in an ultimate struggle to implicate the European powers and thus force peace.

Russia continues the concentration of troops in Trans-Caucasia despite despite Turkey's assurances.

Dare Cost Boy His Life.
NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Special.—Dared by his little companions, who were walking with him in Pelham near the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad yesterday afternoon, 10-year-old Frank Ruhl, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruhl, of New Rochelle, climbed to the top of one of the iron standards carrying the high-voltage wires conducting the current which propels trains between New York and Stamford.

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on his hat and waved it. His hand came in contact with the heavily charged wire. There was a flash, and boy hurled to the ground dead.

Ministers on Leave.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—Henry S. Boutell, Minister to Switzerland, was granted leave of absence last week and left Berlin for Berlin, where today, a cablegram states that he held a conference with Baron von Bernstorff, German Ambassador to the United States, who is on leave from Washington.

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14-YEAR-OLD MAY LEWIS MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK.—Special.—Complete mystery surrounds the strange disappearance of fourteen-year-old May Lewis, who is believed to have been kidnapped while on her way to school from her home at 169 East Ninety-third Street yesterday.

The detectives working on the case are baffled. The only suggestion of a clue came from Mrs. Anna B. Lewis, who was made a widow ten years ago when her husband mysteriously disappeared from the streets of New York just as his daughter disappeared, and was never heard from again. Mrs. Lewis suspects a rejected suitor who applied for her hand a year ago.

ITALIANS OPEN LAND CAMPAIGN

TRIPOLI, via ROME, Special.—The Italian forces in Tripoli today opened their Tripolitan campaign on land. A Turkish force was surrounded five miles from the city, the commander offering to surrender Governor D'Olimo if his men were spared.

A native corps is being enrolled as an adjunct to the Italian force upon the desert. The corps of Arabs are seeking to enlist in this corps. They will be used chiefly as scouts and to combat hostile tribesmen.

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Proclamations have been issued promising to all the natives full benefits of civilization and liberty.

The Governor has established garrisons in the name of the Italian King. It is expected that religious freedom would be established and that the Mohammedans would not be molested in following the dictates of their faith.

Desultory firing by Turkish cavalry and Arabs resulted in the Italian camp being moved further from the city.

Bulgaria Protests.
LONDON.—Special.—The Bulgarian Government has forwarded a vigorous protest to the powers against Turkey's mobilization of troops on the Serbian frontier and against other war preparations which Turkey is making in the Balkans, according to dispatches received by the Times today from its correspondent in Sofia.

Intense unrest exists in Bulgaria. The present war with Italy is said to be the annexation of Crete to indemnify herself for the loss of Tripoli.

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NAPLES.—Special.—Amidst wild enthusiasm from the assembled populace several transports, conveyed by battleships, sailed from here today for Tripoli with Italian troops on board. The arrival of King Victor Emmanuel in the city was greeted with a high pitch of enthusiasm. The martial spirit has completely taken possession of the people.

Crete Stands by Italy.
CANEA, CRETE, Special.—The Cretan Assembly is today in session, and has declared its loyalty to the Ottoman Empire and of friendship toward the Balkans, according to the news from the Assembly, which convened yesterday, will go on record as favoring a constitution to Greece rather than back to Turkish rule. Turkey's aim in the present war with Italy is said to be the annexation of Crete to indemnify herself for the loss of Tripoli.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—Argument began in the United States Supreme Court today in the anthracite coal cases, in which the Government charges the Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley and Central of New Jersey and other roads with violating the Sherman anti-trust law by conspiring to fix the output of anthracite coal mines. Assistant Attorney General J. C. McNamee is prosecuting the case for the Government.

V. P. I. STUDENTS RESIST CHARGES HAVE ALREADY SECURED JURORS

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Mr. Harris also gave the police the number of his watch, and it is probable that the woman will be in the First Police Station before night, for by the scar the police know who she is, and several detectives are already hunting for her. Harris was a lower part of the city looking for her.

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WIFE OF WELL-KNOWN AUTHOR GETS DIVORCE WITH GOOD ALLOWANCE.

NEW YORK.—Special.—That George Randolph Chester, the famous magazine writer and creator of "Get-It-Quick" and "The Saturday Evening Post," has been divorced from his wife, Elizabeth M. Chester, in this city, became known at the filing of the divorce papers in the Supreme Court. Mrs. Chester named Lillian Derom as co-respondent and charged that Mr. Chester and the girl, who is but twenty-one years of age, have been living together as man and wife in chambers at the Gainsborough Apartments. The interlocutory decree of divorce was signed yesterday by Justice Delaney, the evidence having been taken in chambers by a referee. Mrs. Chester is allowed \$1,600 annual alimony and \$2,400 for the support of her two children.

The Chesters were married sixteen years ago in Davenport, Iowa. They resided at the Van Cortlandt Hotel until last July, when they separated.

VAN WYCK FEELS STING OF THE NEW "CUP LAW."

NEW YORK.—Special.—Former Justice Augustus Van Wyck had a long letter to read yesterday afternoon in Justice Pitkin's court in the Supreme Court. He cleared his throat experimentally, and then said: "I wonder if there is any objection to my having a glass of water? Or does the new law bar it?"

"I can't order an attendant to get you a glass of water," Justice Pitkin said, "but I suppose he can find an 'individual drinking cup' somewhere. I may add that I am altogether in favor of this new law."

Mr. Van Wyck didn't look as if he was thirsty. "You and I were raised on farms where everybody drank from the same pail, and we're still alive to tell the story," he said.

"The law seems to be mandatory," Justice Pitkin returned, "and I still think it is the best thing for the general welfare the Legislature has undertaken to do."

"All kinds of laws are being passed nowadays," Mr. Van Wyck said mournfully. "You can't carry a knife or anything like that, and you can't have a pistol. I wouldn't do you much good now," the Justice said, with a fine assumption of scorn.

"Nor Your Honor, either," Mr. Van Wyck said. "I was a lawyer, you know. If you had a pistol you wouldn't shoot at me with anything but blank cartridges, for all the fiery family name you bear. The pistol would be a waste of money, for an attendant, who placed new glass before Mr. Van Wyck. He made as if he and he smacked his lips loudly as he to toast Justice Pitkin as he lifted it began the reading of the letter.

NEW RECORD SET BY HYDRO-PLANE CRASHED TO DEATH BY AUTO TRUCK

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Special.—In an attempt to establish a record for overwater flights Lieutenants Theodore G. Elyson and John H. Towers, U. S. N., started in the Triad, a hydroplane, from the aviation field at Annapolis, Md., yesterday afternoon for Fort Monroe, Va., 149 miles down Chesapeake Bay. When Smith's Point, Va., the mouth of the Potomac river, was reached, the hydroplane, which had been reached the aviators were forced to effect a landing. Lieutenant Elyson immediately reported his failure to the Navy Department by radio.

The torpedo boat Bagley followed the aviators, who hovered over the water all the way down the river, although there was no tide fitted with pontoons that enable it to travel on the water at the will of the aviators.

Rise from the River.
With Lieutenant Elyson as pilot and Towers as his passenger, the Triad rose gracefully from the water at Annapolis and continued on in the apparently difficult, untold to right around the point, a distance of ten miles. During this time the Triad was in sight of a large gathering of spectators.

Both he and Lieutenant Towers are graduates of the Naval Academy and have been working in the hydroplane on the waters of the Severn River all over the world. The hydroplane is the work of H. Theodore Elyson, of Richmond, Va. The officers did not reach their destination, they succeeded in completing a new record for a hydroplane, as the greatest distance covered in one flight was 149 miles. The officers will probably continue their flight today. The flight was really an endurance test.

A Round Peg in a Square Hole.
A few weeks after the marriage of Doctor Harvey W. Wiley, pure food expert and leading authority on germs and germ transmission, he was asked to be the main attraction of a newspaper regarding the argument that kiasing is a bad thing because it transmits germs.

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"I was not far from the corner of Thirteenth and Broad Streets when the woman grabbed my watch," Harris said. "She called me honey and asked me where I was going. She had a basket of 'chop suey.' My watch was in my inside pocket, and she suddenly the woman grabbed it and ran. I called to her, but she did not come back, and I could not catch her. The watch is very valuable. On the chain there is a three-dollar gold piece."

Mr. Harris also gave the police the number of